

DEATH COMES TO TORRENCE

*Noted Character Portrayer
Succumbs in East*

*Giant Scotsman Known to
Millions by Work*

*Ashes Will Be Sent Back to
Hollywood Home*

NEW YORK, May 15. (AP)—One of the screen's noted character actors, Ernest Torrence, died today. The giant Scot—known to millions over the world as the villainous mountaineer in "Tol'able David" and the scout in the "Covered Wagon"—sank into a death coma Sunday after failing to rally from a gall bladder operation at the Lenox Hill Hospital.

His wife and a son, Ernest Torrence, Jr., were at the bedside.

Torrence was uncommunicative about his life, even among close friends, and it was not until his death that it was learned from relatives he was 54 years of age.

Before going to Hollywood, Torrence won recognition as a concert pianist, a musical comedy favorite, a grand opera singer and a character role portrayal on Broadway.

FIRST IN SOUND FILMS

The development of sound pictures brought to him his greatest recognition—a field in which he pioneered. As he once related, it was more than twenty years ago, in Thomas Edison's laboratory, that the first sound film was recorded—with Torrence singing the role of the baritone, Valentine, in "Faust."

After "Tol'able David" in Hollywood came characterizations in "Broken Chains," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "Ruggles of Red Gap," "North of '36," "The Blind Goddess," and "Mantrap."

Sometimes these were comic, instead of sinister.

Before leaving California a month

VETERANS' CAMP ENTRIES SOUGHT

*Plans Made to Add 25,000 to
Forestry Workers*

WASHINGTON, May 15. (AP)—Preparation to take care of 25,000 veterans invited by President Roosevelt to join the emergency conservation camps began today at national headquarters here.

Robert Fechner, director of the forestry work camps, on the theory that thousands of veterans of the World War will avail themselves of this opportunity, estimates with these enrollments it will be necessary to increase the number of camps throughout the country by another 100, especially in the West. This would bring the total to approximately 1450. To date, 1071 camps already have been approved in forty-three States.

It was explained while the Conservation Corps of 275,000 men is to be made up chiefly of unmarried recruits ranging in age from 18 to 25, the veterans will be enrolled regardless of age and family connection.

G.A.R. ENCAMPMENT OPENS AT BERKELEY

BERKELEY, May 15. (AP)—About 200 veterans of the Civil War gathered here today for the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of California and Nevada. There was no formal parade, although the veterans rode through the streets and planted a memorial tree at the City Hall. Barney Brown, Long Beach veteran, suffered a heart attack and physicians said he is in serious condition.

MEMORIAL PLANNED

A memorial for Torrence is planned for the opening.

This same day, funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. at the Church of the Heavenly Rest on Fifth avenue. The body will be cremated and the ashes returned to Los Angeles.